

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

RECORDS 3: MEAL COUNTING & CLAIMING

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Topics to discuss

- Methods of Collection Form
- Keeping Accurate Meal Counts
- Accurate Point of Service (POS)





Overview

- □ LEAs receive federal money for each meal that:
 - Meets program requirements (meal patterns)
 - Is served to an eligible student
- To receive the reimbursement for meals served to students by category, schools must accurately
 - Count
 - Record
 - Claim



Attachment I



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

METHODS OF COLLECTION AND MEAL COUNTING

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA):	AGREEMENT NUMBER:
LEA CONTACT:	PHONE NUMBER:
SIGNATURE OF CONTACT:	DATE:
DIRECTIONS:	
Mail or fax the completed form to: Food and Nutrition Services Section, Departme	ent of Elementary and Secondary Education, PO Box
480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or Fax to: (573) 526-3897	
For questions regarding this form, contact a Nutrition Program Specialist at (573)	751-3528.
All meal counting centers must have a built-in accounting system at the point of se price meals actually served daily. The point of service is that point at which it can constitute a reimbursable meal.	
Complete all sections that apply to all buildings within the LEA. From each of the different method is used or if additional information is required to explain the methoseparate sheet of paper.	
SECTION I	
If LEA participates in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) complete Section	on I (otherwise go to Section II)
a. All buildings participate in CEP? Yes No	
If NO, list only the buildings participating in CEP:	
b. Describe CEP counting method:	
CECTION II	
SECTION II	
Fund collection for full and reduced price students (check all that apply)	
a. Students pay for meals daily weekly monthly by sen	mesteryearly
b. Students may may not prepay meals.	
c. Students may charge their meals and pay at a later date.	
d. Students do not pay for meals.	
e. Meal payment is made in the classroom school office	cafeteria another location
f. Another method not listed above is used. Explain:	
SECTION III	
Meal cards, tickets, or tokens (check all that apply)	
a. All some schools use meal cards or tokens.	
elementary middle/junior high senior high	
b. All some students at these schools use meal cards, tokens, or tio	ckets.
c. Meal cards, tickets, or tokens are distributed in the classroom	school officecafeteriaanother location
d. Meal cards, tickets, or tokens are coded using anumber codele	tter code date code signature code
Another code. Explain:	
e. Yes No All student meal cards, tickets or tokens are same size	and color. If No, explain:

Only submit if process changes

Where can I locate this?

DESE FNS Website → Guidance &

Resources → Forms → Methods of

Collection and Meal Counting Form

OR

Attachment I in the "Free and Reduced Price Application and Direct Certification" Handbook

□ Section 1: CEP

SECTION I	
If LEA participates in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) complete Section I (otherwise go to Section II)	
a. All buildings participate in CEP? Yes No	
If NO, list only the buildings participating in CEP:	
b. Describe CEP counting method:	



□ Section 2: Fund Collection

SECTION II
Fund collection for full and reduced price students (check all that apply)
a. Students pay for meals daily weekly monthly by semester yearly
b. Students may may not prepay meals.
c. Students may charge their meals and pay at a later date.
d. Students do not pay for meals.
e. Meal payment is made in the classroom school office cafeteria another location
f. Another method not listed above is used. Explain:



Section 3: Meal cards, tickets, or tokens

SECTION III
Meal cards, tickets, or tokens (check all that apply)
a. All some schools use meal cards or tokens. elementary middle/junior high senior high
b. All some students at these schools use meal cards, tokens, or tickets.
c. Meal cards, tickets, or tokens are distributed in the classroom school office cafeteria another location
d. Meal cards, tickets, or tokens are coded using a number code letter code date code signature code Another code. Explain:
e. Yes No All student meal cards, tickets or tokens are same size and color. If No, explain:



□ Section 4: Meal accountability and monitoring

SECTION IV
Meal accountability and monitoring methods (check all that apply)
a. All students are listed on a roster.
b. The roster is marked by theteacherfood service employeeanother person
c. The students' names are marked on the roster after a reimbursable meal is served/selected.
d. The students' names are marked on the roster before a reimbursable meal is served/selected. (Requires State Agency approval.)
e. Marks on roster are counted to arrive at a total number of free, reduced price, and full price reimbursable student meals served.
f. Each student presents their meal card, ticket or token to ateacherfood service employeeanother person at the point of service after a reimbursable meal is served/selected.
g. Each student presents their meal card, ticket, or token to ateacherfood service employeeanother person before a reimbursable meal is served/selected. (Requires State Agency approval.)
h. Another method is used. Explain:
i. Meals are monitored for compliance to the meal pattern.
j. All students eligible for free or reduced price meals have access to all serving areas offering a reimbursable meal.

□ Section 5: Computerized point of sale

SECTION V
Computerized point of sale systems (check all that apply)
a. The name(s) of the computerized system used:
b. All some schools use this system. elementary middle/junior high senior high
c. This is a debit system. Students deposit money into an account. Purchases are subtracted from the balance.
d. This is a meal card card-less system.
e. Meal cards are scanned at the point of service.
f. Meal cards are collected at the point of service and scanned later.
g. Students food service employee another person enters an identifying number into a keypad at the point of service.
h. Each student presents the medium of exchange to the cashier before a reimbursable meal is served/selected. (Requires State Agency approval.)
i. Meals are monitored for compliance with the meal pattern.
j. All students eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits have access to all serving areas offering a reimbursable
k. After all students are served a daily report is generated indicating the number of free, reduced price and full price reimbursable student meal served/selected.
I. Another method is used. Explain:

Section 6: Effective Date of Eligibility
 Determinations

SECTION \	VI
Effective D	Date of Free or Reduced Price Eligibility Determinations
	e LEA will establish the date of submission of an application as the effective date of eligibility, rather than the date the ficial approves it.
	Yes No No



Accurate Meal Counts

- Meals claimed must be:
 - Reimbursable (meets meal pattern requirements)
 - Counted Daily at each meal
 - Counted by Eligibility (free, reduced, paid)
- □ Accurate Point of Service (POS) is key



Fill in the Blank

All meal counts must be taken at the

"Point of <u>Service</u>". "Point of <u>Service</u>" meal counts refers to that point in the food service operation where a determination can accurately be made that a reimbursable free, reduced priced, or full price meal has been served to an eligible student. In most cases, this "Point of <u>Service</u>" will be at the end of the service line.



Point of Service

At the Point of Service

- □ Recognize a reimbursable meal
- Correctly count and claim meal



Examples of Meal Counting and Claiming Systems

- Electronic
 - Barcoded Meal Card
 - PIN Number
 - Verbal Identifier (Name, PIN)
- Manual Roster
 - Verbal Identifier (Name, PIN)
 - Meal Cards
- Combination
 - Check mark on roster at POS then entered in electronically after meal service



Overt Identification

Definition: Any action that may result in a child being recognized as potentially eligible to receive free or reduced meals

For Authorized

Personnel Only



Overt Identification

- Coding or coloring in a manner that would overtly identify students is not allowed
 - Meal cards, rosters, electronic systems
- □ Prohibited:
 - Separate dining areas, service times, serving lines, or limiting the choices of reimbursable meals based on eligibility
- LEAs are encouraged to ensure the sale of a la carte foods does not inadvertently result in eligible children being identified

POS

POS Cashier Must:

- Recognize a reimbursable meal
 - Meets meal pattern requirements
 - Age/grade group
 - Offer vs. Serve
 - Crediting of leafy greens, dried fruit
 - Smart Snack requirements
 - Beverages
- Correctly count and charge meals





Specific Situations

New Students

Should be counted and claimed as paid until the household brings in a Free and Reduced form and/or they appear on the Direct Certification List

A la carte

Should not be claimed for reimbursement

Student Worker Meals

Should follow normal counting and claiming procedures

Incomplete/ Non-reimbursable Meals

Should not be claimed for reimbursement. Can be charged a la carte prices.

Students without funds to pay

Implement a policy and communicate it to all parents ahead of time

Lost/Forgotten Cards, etc.

Implement a process to look up students; avoid overt identification

Second Meals

Should not be claimed for reimbursement

Adult/Non-Student Meals

Should not be claimed for reimbursement

Visiting Student Meals

Can be claimed as long as the status is known and the meal pattern is correct for the grade group. Can be claimed by home LEA or hosting LEA, but must not be claimed by both.

Recommended Cashier Training



- Counting and claiming procedures
- Recognizing a reimbursable meal
- □ Offer vs. Serve
- Computerized system training
- Civil Rights

Professional Standards: School year 2016-2017 All Other Staff (other than the Director or Manager) who works an average of 20 hours per week must have at least 6 hours of annual continuing education/training. Part-Time staff, at least 4 hours.



Backup System

A backup system for counting and claiming reimbursable meals served should be in place in case the main system fails

- Best practices
 - Periodically printing out point of service documents
 - Coded rosters or checklist
 - Backing up daily participation records



Do You Have an Acceptable Meal Counting System at the POS?

When trying to decide if a system is acceptable or not, always keep in mind the requirements:

- The meal-count system chosen must provide a POINT OF SERVICE count:
 - Of reimbursable meals served (one per eligible student)
 - By type (free, reduced-price, and paid)
 - Each day/meal
 - Without overtly identifying students' eligibility categories



Point of Service Counts

Acceptable POS meal count systems include:

- ✓ Coded Roster Checklist
- ✓ Coded Tickets or Tokens (not color coded)
- ✓ Tick or Tally Sheet (if non pricing or each student is assigned a number)
- ✓ Electronic System:
 - Student ID Card
 - Student PIN Code
 - Student Biometric Finger ID

<u>Unacceptable</u> POS meal count systems

(they do not provide a daily count of reimbursable meals by category at the POS):

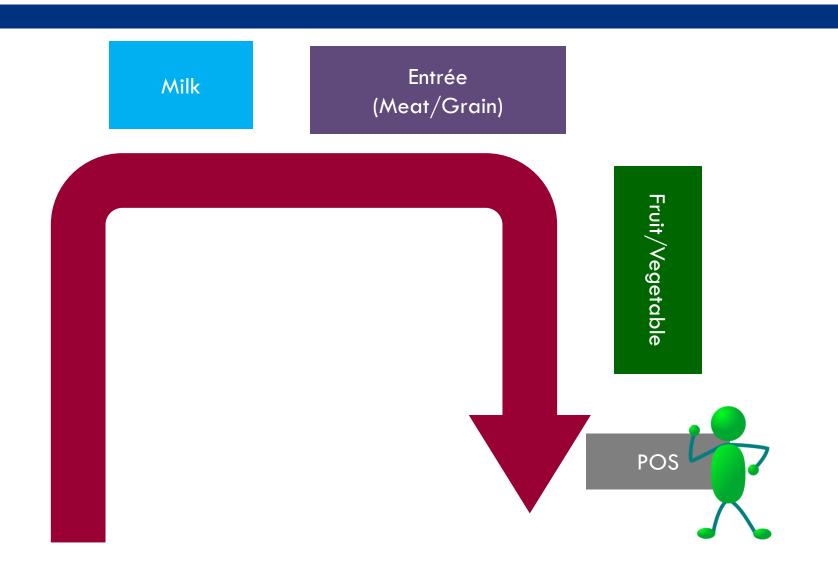
- × Attendance Counts
- Tray/Entrée Counts
- × Head Counts
- × Classroom Counts
- Counts taken anywhere other than at point of service
- X Delivery count of meals produced offsite
- Any acceptable system that isn't implemented properly

Students' names are marked on the roster before a reimbursable meal is served/selected

REQUIRES STATE AGENCY APPROVAL

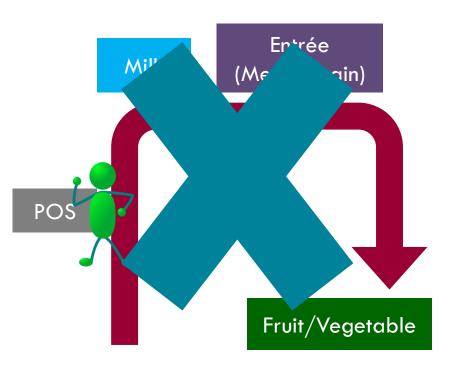


Standard Point of Service

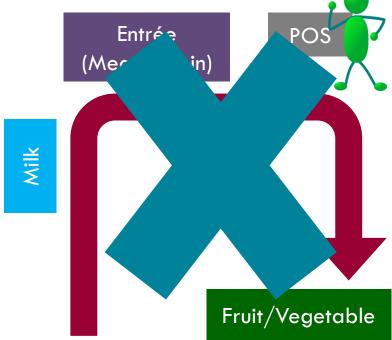


Point of Service Problems

Beginning of the Line POS

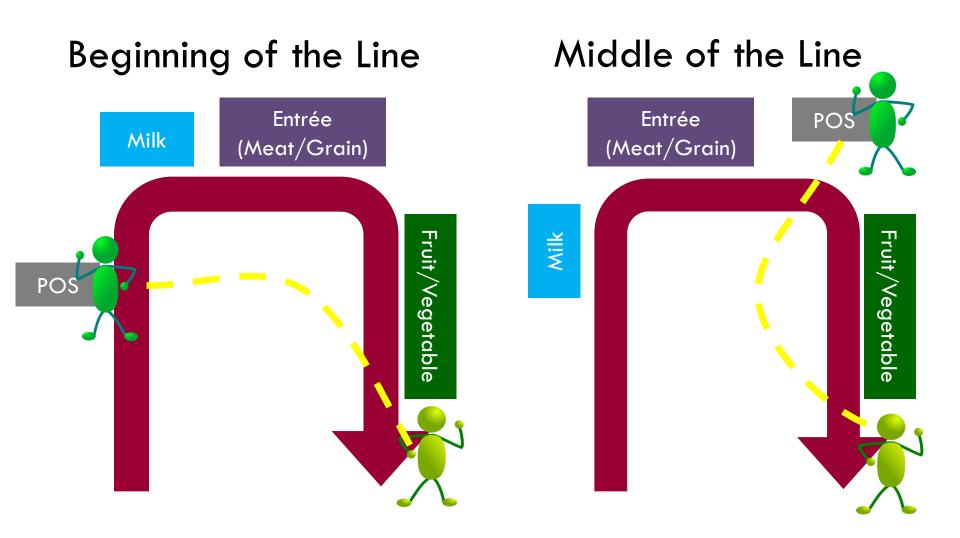


Middle of the Line POS



Two-Person Point of Service

*Must be approved by DESE



Field Trips

- If students are scheduled to participate in school activities both before and after the lunch hour, the school is required to offer lunch
- Proper food safety standards, counting and claiming procedures, and meal pattern requirements (including offering milk) still must be followed
- Meals must be properly counted at the Point of Service – i.e., when the student actually takes the reimbursable meal

SCHOOL BUS

Avoid overtly identifying students

Provision Meal Counts

- Schools operating Provision 2, 3, or CEP
- Accurate POS system that has a proven track record of reliability and security while taking advantage of elimination of meal categories
 - Hand-held counters to keep track of the number of students and students served
 - Check mark on roster
 - Tally sheet
- Adequately supervised meal service line to ensure that all meals claimed meet requirements
- One meal per student per meal service

Breakfast in the Classroom

- Accurate records of students served
 - Roster, meal cards, tokens collected when student takes a meal and then entered into POS after the meal service
 - Meal count records must be retained
- Teacher meals
 - Teachers operating SBP in the classroom must still pay for an adult/teacher meal
 - Other than teacher payment, General Funds is only allowable source of payment for teacher meals



Participation Record

MO 500-0126

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Participation Record

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Edit Checks

- Requirement for lunch; recommended for breakfast
 - Complete prior to submission of monthly claim
- Steps
 - Compare number of eligible children to number of meals claimed at each site
 - Attendance factor
 - Average Daily Attendance ÷ Total Enrollment
 - Beware of patterns & 100% participation
 - Note factors affecting claims



EXAMPLE

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Number of children eligible/approved for: Full Price Lunches _____195__; Reduced Price Lunches (Part 02, Item 7) ___25__; Free Lunches (Part 02, Item 8) ___105__

Projected Daily Limits (Number eligible by category times (x) attendance factor): Full Price 185 Reduced Price 24 Free 100.

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Claiming

- School meal counts, by category, are submitted to the LEA level daily
- Monthly counts are submitted by the LEA through Web Applications System
 - Claims are due by the 15th of the following month
- Consolidation
 - LEA submits a consolidated claim for reimbursement for all buildings



In order to complete a claim for reimbursement

- Click the Claims tab.
- Click Claim Entry.



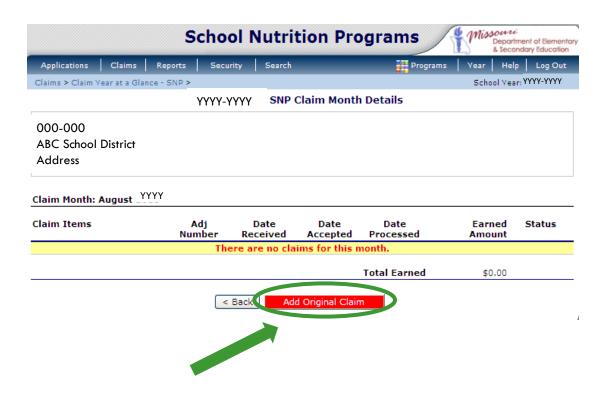


Click appropriate Claim Month.

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Click Add Original Claim.





Click Add next to the building in which you wish to enter a claim.





Month/Year

Claimed

Adjustment

Number

Enter claim information for each program in which you participate. When finished click the **Save button** at the bottom of the page. On the next screen, you will have the option to Edit or Finish. If errors exist, select **Edit to correct errors**. If no errors exist, **click Finish**.

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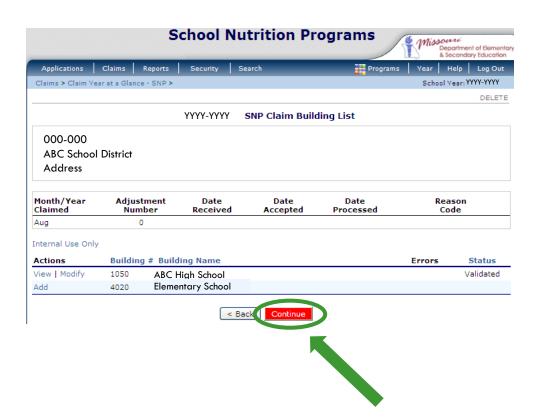
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When you click Finish the SNP Claim Building List page will be displayed. **Enter the information for the next building**. If you do not have another building, **click Continue**.





The Authorized Representative must check the box after reading the Certification statement.

Click Submit For Payment.

The next screen will provide a confirmation number and an email will be sent.

Month/Year	Adjustment	Date	Date	Date	Reason
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Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this claim is true and correct in all respects, records are available to support the claim, the claim is in accordance with the existing agreement and payment has not been received. I further certify and assume full responsibility that the meal counts have been reviewed and analyzed in accordance with 7CFR 210.8.





Monitoring

- Each SFA with more than 1 meal count site must perform an on-site review of the counting & claiming system
- Prior to February 1 of each year
- Follow-up if problems are noted
 - Corrective actions
 - Another visit within 45 days
- Retain for records

District	Sch	School			Date of Review	
ADA	÷ Enrollment	= Attendance			96	
	Prior Month ADP	Meal Count On Day of Review			ently	
Reduced P	Paid rice					
			YES	NO	N/A	
APPLICATION	APPROVAL					
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Afterschool Snack Review

- Review each program two times a year
 - 1st review made during the first four weeks that school of operation
 - Once more during the year of operation
- Retain for records

Lo	cal Education Agency (LEA)	School	School		Review
	ch After School Care Program must st be conducted during the first fou				
1.	Does the LEA administer or open program?	ate the after school care	Yes	No	N/A
2.	Does the after school care program regularly scheduled activities in an and supervised environment that in enrichment activities?	organized, structured,	_	_	
3.	Is documentation of individual stu- maintained on a daily basis?	dents' attendance			
4.	Are accurate snack count records on a daily basis? (Totals for area e type - free, reduced price, and full eligible sites.)	eligible sites; counts by	_	_	
5.	Do the snacks that are served meet pattern requirements?	the minimum meal	_	_	
6.	Are production records maintained	12			
7.	Is the snack priced as a unit?				_
8.	Is a maximum of one snack per str for reimbursement?	adent per day claimed	_	_	
9.	Are snacks served free or at a redi students who are determined to be reduced price sna	elizible for free or			
10	. If charging for sm	FNS Web rces → Fo			
11	Are snacks provid area-eligible site? Snack	Program	Revie	ew	

Meal Counting Activity

Questions

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